

2015 SBA Mississippi Young Entrepreneur of the Year

To be considered a young entrepreneur, the individual must serve as a majority owner and operate or bear principal responsibility for operating a small business with a three year track record, and who will not have reached the age of *thirty* by June 1, 2015.

1. Evidence of success as measured by sales and profits.
2. Increased employment opportunities created by the nominee's business.
3. Development and/or utilization of innovative or creative business methods.
4. Demonstrated entrepreneurial potential necessary for long-term business success and economic growth.

What information must the nomination package contain?

1. A single cover page stating —
 - Nominee's full name, title, business and home addresses with telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address if applicable
 - The award for which the nomination is being made
 - Nominator's name, title, place of business, business address and telephone number and e-mail address if applicable
 - One-paragraph description of the nominee's business and/or professional occupation
 - If applicable, a nomination letter, to include a concise statement of the qualities and performance that merit the award, not to exceed one page. The nominator's name, title, place of business, business address, telephone number and e-mail address must be included
 - A completed background form (SBA Form 3300, Award Nomination Form)
 - An original 8" x 10" or 5" x 7" photo of the nominee; or a digital photo – at least 300 dpi; photocopies are not acceptable
 - Four to five additional photos from the nominee's company/organization, employees at work
 - A nomination letter, to include a concise statement of the qualities and performance that merit the award, not exceeding four pages
 - A brief biography of the nominee, not exceeding one page
 - A business profile, not exceeding one page, if applicable
 - The nominee's business financial statement — including balance sheets, profit-and-loss statements and financial reports — not exceeding 12 pages, on 8 1/2" x 11" paper – for the last three years, if applicable
 - Any other supporting documentation deemed significant by the nominator, including news clips, letters of recommendation and other evidence of the appropriateness of the nomination
 - Supporting documentation must not exceed 10 pages. Videos will not be considered